

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for displaying user selected information comprising the steps of:
 - providing video received from a first source to a display device;
 - selecting a type of information to be received;
 - receiving the selected information from a second source; and
 - providing the selected information from the second source to the display device to be displayed while the video from the first source is being displayed.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of selecting a type of information to be received includes selecting a type of information to be received from information on a variety of topics.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
 - automatically displaying the selected information irrespective of content of the video.
4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
 - selecting a schedule for automatically displaying the selected information.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of selecting a schedule includes the steps of:

selecting between display schedule options of: (i) a continuous display of the selected type of the received information; (ii) periodic display of the selected type of the received information; and (iii) as a status change occurs display of the selected type of the received information.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of selecting between the display schedule option of as a status change occurs includes the step of:

selecting at least one of as an event changes and as an event is new.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of selecting a type of the received information from the variety of subjects includes the step of:

providing an on-screen display of a selection menu.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of automatically displaying the selected type of information includes the step of:

displaying the selected type of information within an image displayed on the display device auxiliary to the display of the video from the first source on the display device.

9. A video processing television apparatus comprising:

first means for receiving a program;

means for selecting a type of information to be received;

second means for receiving the selected information;

means for displaying the program; and

means for displaying the selected information during display of the program.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the means for displaying the selected information includes means for automatically displaying the selected information irrespective of content of the program.

11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the means for selecting a type of information to be received includes means for selecting a type of information from information on a variety of topics.

12. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

means for selecting frequency of display of the selected information.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said means for selecting frequency of display of the selected information on the means for displaying includes:

means for selecting one of (i) a continuous display of the selected information; (ii) periodic display of the selected information; and (iii) as a status change occurs display of the selected information.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the means for selecting one of (i) a continuous display of the selected information; (ii) periodic display of the selected information; and (iii) as a status change occurs display of the selected information, includes means for selecting at least one of (a) as an event changes and (b) as an event is new, in the case of selection of as a status change occurs display of the selected information.

15. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

means for generating an on-screen display menu operable to permit user selection of the type of information to be received.

16. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

means for displaying the selected information within an image displayed on the means for displaying the image being auxiliary to the display of the program.

17. A television signal receiving apparatus comprising:

a processing unit;

a first tuner in communication with said processing unit and operable to receive a program from a first source;

a second tuner in communication with said processing unit and operable to receive auxiliary information on a variety of topics from a second source;

an auxiliary information parser in communication with said processing unit and said second tuner and operable to extract the auxiliary information from the second source;

means for selecting a type of the auxiliary information from the variety of topics for display; and

a display in communication with said processing unit, said first tuner, and said second tuner;

wherein said processing unit is operable to display the program on the display and concurrently display the selected type of auxiliary information on the display irrespective of the content of the program.

18. The television signal receiving apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:

an on-screen display generator in communication with said processing unit and said display, and operable to provide an on-screen menu adapted to allow selection of types of auxiliary information by a user.

19. The television signal receiving apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:

means for selecting frequency of display of the selected type of auxiliary information on the display including means for selecting one of (i) a continuous display of the selected type of the received information; (ii) periodic display of the selected type of the received information; and (iii) as a status change occurs display of the selected type of the received information.

20. The television signal receiving apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processing unit is operable to display the selected type of the auxiliary information within an image displayed on said display in addition to the display of the program.